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SUBJ: VISIT TO DENMARK BY WIDOW OF FORMER CHILEAN PRESIDENT

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SUMMARY. DURING HER FIVE-DAY VISIT TO DENMARK WHICH CONCLUDED
SEPTEMBER 30, MRS. ALLENDE MET WITH PRIME MINISTER POUL
HARTLING, CALLED FOR A DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
QUARANTINE OF THE PRESENT CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, CITED
MALICIOUS USG INTERFERENCE IN CHILE AND ACCEPTED ABOUT
\$8,000 COLLECTED IN HER BEHALF BY DANISH WELL-WISHERS.
WE WERE TOLD BY THE MFA THAT HARTLING MET WITH HER TO
EXPLAIN WHY DENMARK MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
CHILE. FROM THE TIME OF HER ARRIVAL MRS. ALLENDE WAS
CAUGHT UP IN A WARM EMBRACE BY THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.
HER VISIT HELPED KEEP ALIVE DANISH SUPPORT OF HER CAUSE
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AND PROVIDED A VEHICLE FOR PROGRAMMED ANTI-AMERICANISM.

END SUMMARY

1. MRS. ALLENDE AND HER RETINUE WERE MET ON ARRIVAL SEPT 25 BY FORMER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC (SDP) PRIMINAKER JORGENSEN (WITH WHOM SHE DINED SEPT 26) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTIES AS WELL AS THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC "SOLIDARITY FUND." A LOCAL CHILEAN POLITICAL REFUGEE, JORGE MATURANA ZURA, WHO ALSO PRESENT.

2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE SEPT 26 MRS. ALLENDE DESCRIBED THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN CHILE AS "CATASTROPIC." SHE ADDED THAT RECENT DISCLOSURES OF USG AND CIA ACTIVITIES IN CHILE ONLY CONFIRMED HER HUSBAND'S STATEMENTS AT THE UNGA IN 1972. SHE CASTIGATED THESE ACTIVITIES AND SIMILAR ONES BY BIG US CORPORATIONS. HOMERO JULIO, FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA WHO IS NOW PART OF THE CHILEAN REFUGEE OFFICE IN ROME, SAID THAT UNDER ALLENDE MANY MISTAKES WERE MADE. "WE DID NOT ARM OURSELVES ENOUGH AGAINST IMPERIALISM."

3. THE FORMER SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN CHILE, HARALD EDELSTAM, WHO ESCORTED MRS. ALLENDE FROM SWEDEN TO DENMARK, WAS ASKED TO COMPARE THE STATEMENTS MADE BY SWEDISH PRIMIN OLAF PALME WITH THE MUCH MORE MODERATE ONE OF DANISH FONMIN OVE GULDBERG. (THE LATTER HAD STATED THAT DENMARK WOULD NOT TAKE SIDES IN THE CHILEAN CONFLICT.) EDELSTAM SAID PALME HAD USED STRONG WORDS AS THE ONLY WAY TO GET TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. EDELSTAM ADMITTED THAT PALME'S DESCRIPTION OF THE JUNTA MEMBERS AS "VILE ROUGES" WAS TOUGH LANGUAGE ABOUT A GOVERNMENT WHICH SWEDEN FORMALLY RECOGNIZED. EDELSTAM CONTINUED, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN ALLENDE DIED IN CHILE SO DID DEMOCRACY AND THE SWEDES HAD NO RESPECT FOR THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT THERE.

4. DURING A RALLY IN COPENHAGEN ON SEPT 27, MRS. ALLENDE RECEIVED 50,000 DANISH KRONER (ABOUT \$8,000). COLLECTED BY THE DANISH-ALLENDE FUND. ADDRESSING THE RALLY, SHE STRESSED THAT THE MAIN AIMS OF CHILEAN

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RESISTANCE ARE TO GET COUNTRIES TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE JUNTA, TO STOP ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO CHILE, AND TO LIBERATE THE 40,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS.

5. FORMER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FONMIN K. B. ANDERSEN ALSO ADDRESSED THE SEPT 27 MEETING AND STATED THAT "OVERWHELMINGLY POWERFUL FOREIGN FORCES WISHED TO STOP ALLENDE'S HISTORICAL EXPERIMENT IN DEMOCRATIC SOLIALISM

IN CHILE. THE WORKERS PARTIES COULD BE ENDURED AS LONG AS THEY KNEW THEIR PLACE BUT WHEN THEY WISHED TO CREATE A REAL SOCIALIST SOCIETY THROUGH DEMOCRATIC MEANS, THE MERCILESS FIGHT FROM OUTSIDE STARTED."

6. EDELSTAM INFORMED THE PRESS THAT MRS. ALLENDE WAS INVITED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PERIOD OCT 20-NOV 1 BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A VISA.

7. ON SEPT 27 SHE CALLED AT HER REQUEST ON PRIMIN POUL HARTLING. ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR OLE BIERRING TOLD THE POLCOUNS THAT, GIVEN MRS. ALLENDE'S PRESTIGE AND THE FACT THAT SHE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT HIGH LEVELS ELSEWHERE (READ SWEDEN), HARTLING BELIEVED IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO DENY HER REQUEST. FURTHERMORE, HE WISHED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO HER WHAT THE DANISH POSITION ON CHILE WAS. DURING THEIR TWENTY-MINUTE MEETING, HARTLING EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR THE PERSONAL LOSSES THAT MRS. ALLENDE HAD SUFFERED. HE TOLD HER THAT HIS GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONTINUE ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESENT CHILEAN REGIME BECAUSE DANISH POLICY IS BASED ON MAINTAINING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS. IT ALSO ALLOWS THE DANES TO EXERT WHATEVER MODERATING INFLUENCE THEY CAN TO TEMPER THE PRESENT CHILEAN REGIME'S TREATMENT OF DISSIDENTS.

8. COMMENT: MRS. ALLENDE'S VISIT DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN THE DETERMINATION OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS TO CLAIM ALLENDE AS ONE OF THEIR OWN AND TO MINIMIZE THE MILEAGE THE DANISH COMMUNISTS (DKP) CAN OBTAIN FROM THEIR ESPOUSAL OF THE ALLENDE CAUSE. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. ALLENDE WERE HANDLED ONLY AS THE RESULT OF DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DENMARK'S ALLENDE COMMITTEE, CONFIDENTIAL

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ENCONTROLLED BY THE DKP, AND THE "SOLIDARITY FUND", CONTROLLED BY THE SDP AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT.

9. IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE WHETHER MRS. ALLENDE'S PRESENCE HERE WON MANY ADHERENTS TO HER CAUSE. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, LITTLE OR NOTHING SHE SAID WAS NEW TO THE DANES. SHE WAS GIVEN GOOD CROWD EXPOSURE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOTED THAT MANY IN THE CROWDS WERE SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO WERE HERDED OUT TO SEE HER. NEVERTHELESS, HER SUPPORTERS HERE CAN BE COUNTED ON TO ASSURE THAT HER CAUSE IS NOT FORGOTTEN AND THEIR EFFORTS WILL, OF COURSE, BE COUPLED WITH ANTI-US CHARGES AND INSINUATIONS. WITH GREECE AND PORTUGAL NO LONGER BURNING ISSUES, TODAY'S CHILE INEVITABLY PRESENTS AN INVITING TARGET.

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